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12. (Amended) The insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 3, wherein at least one of the spring clip and the connecting bracket are designed such that limbs of the spring clip secure the contact-making slot in its position.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 25. An insulation displacement contact, comprising:
a bracket, including a contact region therein; and
at least one spring clip attached to the bracket, wherein the spring clip includes a cutting blade portion adapted to cut and located proximate to the contact region.

26. The insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 25, wherein the cutting blade portion includes a v-shaped region, adapted to cut insulation of a conductor.

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27. The insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 25, wherein the at least one spring clip is located at an end of the bracket.

28. The insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 25, wherein the bracket includes a contact slot at each end.

29. The insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 28, wherein a spring clip is attached at each end of the bracket.

30. The insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 29, wherein the cutting blade portion includes a v-shaped region, adapted to cut insulation of a conductor.

31. A connecting terminal including at least one insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 25.

32. A connecting terminal including at least one insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 26.

33. A connecting terminal including at least one insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 29.

33 34. A terminal strip having at least one insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 25.

35. A terminal strip having at least one insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 26.

36. The insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 1, wherein the insulation displacement blade includes a v-shaped region, adapted to cut insulation of a conductor. --
